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Letter dated 22 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the terrorist act in Donetsk that was committed on 22 January 2015 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the terrorist act in Donetsk

In the Berlin declaration of 21 January 2015, the Foreign Ministers of Ukraine, Germany, France and Russia called for an immediate ceasefire and the withdrawal of heavy weapons from the contact line, in accordance with the annex to the Minsk memorandum of 19 September 2014.

Despite the calls made, people continue to die in Eastern Ukraine. The biggest concern is the growing number of civilians who are killed by militants' shelling. On 22 January, the mournful list of citizens of Ukraine who were the victims of cynical terrorist attacks, including near Volnovakha, was again filled with new names, owing to the firing on the trolleybus in Donetsk.

Information on the number of casualties of this tragic event is currently being gathered, but the upward trend in cases of firings on peaceful public transport passengers causes deep concern. One thing is clear: without the active offensive operations of illegal armed groups, without the support provided to them from the Russian Federation, including heavy weapons, civilians would not have died in Ukraine.

Ukraine mourns deeply for every victim and expresses its sincere condolences to their families and relatives. From our side, we are doing everything possible to avoid further casualties among the citizens of Ukraine. Every human life is priceless. An objective investigation of the crime should be performed immediately and the perpetrators must be punished.

Ukraine, noting the commitment made by Russia in the Berlin declaration of 21 January 2015 to adhere to the contact line, calls for the full and immediate implementation of all the provisions of the Minsk agreements of 5 and 19 September 2014.

The artillery must be silenced and the ceasefire should be restored.

Militants and Russian regular military units as well as heavy machinery must leave the territory of Ukraine.

Control over the State border of Ukraine must be restored.

Only such steps will bring back peace and security to the Donbass, ensure the comprehensive and impartial investigation of all deaths and protect people's lives.